



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAKI NAKANO) Examiner: A. Blackman
Appln. No.: 10/042,231) Group Art Unit: 2676
Filed: January 11, 2002)
For: IMAGE QUALITY PROCESSING)
APPARATUS, METHOD AND)
RECORDING MEDIUM,)
INCLUDING MULTISCREEN)
SYNTHESIS MEANS FOR)
COMPOSING ONE SCREEN FOR)
IMAGE ARRANGEMENT OF)
PLURAL PIECES OF THE IMAGE)
FOR TRIMMING, ENLARGEMENT) January 21, 2005
AND REDUCTION (AS AMENDED) : (Friday After Federal Holiday)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Sir:

In the Advisory Action issued in response to the Amendment After Final Rejection filed December 13, 2004, it was suggested that Claim 18 discloses new matter and that it presents claim language different from original presentation. However, as noted in that Amendment, Claim 18 is clearly and fully supported in the specification at least at page 13, lines 4-9. Because the claim is fully supported by the specification, the issue of

new matter should not be raised. Note M.P.E.P. § 608.04. This was discussed with the Examiner in a telephone conversation with the undersigned on January 19, 2005. The Examiner agreed to consider Applicant's arguments as summarized herein. Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Williamson', written over a horizontal line.

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